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Applicants: HARDEE et al.

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE
EXAMINER TO THE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner mailed April 5, 2006, rejecting the following claims: 51-64, 66-72 and 74-76.

1. Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review

A "Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review" is ☐ filed concurrently herewith or ☒ is not being filed.

2. Status of Applicants

This application is on behalf of ☒ other than a small entity or ☐ a small entity.

3. Fee for Filing Notice of Appeal

Pursuant to 37 CFR 41.20(b), the fee for filing the Notice of Appeal is for: ☒ other than a small entity or ☐ a small entity.

Notice of Appeal Fee due \$500.00

4. Extension of Time

- ☐ Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, the fee for which is \$120.00.
- ☐ An extension for one-month has already been secured and the fee paid therefore of \$120.00 is deducted from the total fee due for the total amounts of extension now requested.
- ☒ Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

Extension fee due with this request: \$0.00

5. Total Fee Due

The total fee due is:

Notice of Appeal Fee	\$500.00
Extension Fee (if any)	\$ 0.00

Total Fee Due: \$500.00

6. Fee Payment

- ☐ Attached is a check in the sum of \$.
- ☒ Charge Account No. 12-1216 the sum of \$500.00.

7. Fee Deficiency

- ☒ If any additional fee is required in connection with this communication, charge Account No. 12-1216.

Respectfully submitted,

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